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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ZIA TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA

1. WE ARE INFORMED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES THAT THE PRESIDENT, MAJOR GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN, WILL VISIT SAUDI ARABIA JULY 26-72. HIS PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT WILL BE WITH KING KHALID.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT APPEARS TO BE TWO-FOLD. FIRST, ZIA WILL USE VISIT TO REAFFIRM BANGLADESHI TIES WITH THE ISLAMIC WORLD, A THEME WHICH HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE PROMINENT IN BANGLADESHI FOREIGN POLICY BOTH FOR DOMESTIC REASONS AND FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE REASONS. THE SECOND ASPECT IS CLOSELY RELATED; THOUGH ISLAMIC STANCES BANGLADESH HOPES TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND ITS AID RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS.

3. VISIT COMES SOON AFTER TOUR HERE OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE, AHMADOU GAYE, WHO ASSERTED THAT ISLAMIC NATIONS SHOULD ASSIST BANGLADESH IN ITS DEVELOPMENT. AMONG LESS DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PROPOSALS
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ENDORSED BY GAYE WAS ESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY HERE. HE WAS TROTTED ABOUT TO SEE BOTH ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS AND TO WITNESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. HIS VISIT WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF BANGLADESH USING ITS ISLAMIC STANCE TO OBTAIN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, A DEVICE MORE PROMINENT SINCE "SECULARISM" WAS DEOPPED FROM THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND REPLACED

BY "ADHERENCE TO SILAMIC LAWS".
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